Assassination Sequel

S.F. Trip Bared Probe

NE WORLEANS — (UPI) — On Nov. 25, 1966, a man named louis Ivon took a trip to San Francicso that cost the taxpayers of New Orleans $933.

That trip, three years and three days after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, helped bring to light one of the strangest sequels to the assassination ever graced by official sanction.

Ivon was on the business of District Attorney Jim Garrison.

Working with his own staff and 10 policemen permanently assigned to him, Garrison started his probe in silence.

By Christmas, 1966, Garrison let Louisiana Gov. John J. McKeithen in on his doubts about the Warren report and his plans to investigate.

McKeithen kept it under his hat. Garrison asked no help.

CLUES PILE UP

The investigation proceeded in secrecy for about three months. But Ivon's trip was a matter of public record, and the records of such trips began piling up.

Then a strange, pathetic figure popped up—David W. Ferrie, 49, once dismissed from an Ohio seminary as unfit to be a priest and fired from his job as an Eastern Air Lines pilot. His hair and eyebrows once were burned off by an explosion and he wore a red toupee and false eyebrows.

Ferrie was mentioned several times in the Warren report but cleared of any complicity in the assassination.

Ferrie shed more light on Garrison's probe.

"Supposedly I have been pegged as the getaway pilot in an elaborate plot to kill Kennedy," he said.

Garrison said nothing when the first disclosure of the investigation was made. Then he held several news conferences in rapid succession.

Each statement was more positive, specific and sensational than the last.

By Monday, he was talking about a conspiracy, and two days later he still would be calling it that.

On Wednesday the strange figure with the red wig and false eyebrows, Ferrie, was found dead in his apartment.

PLOT ON FIDEL

Speculation about what Garrison has also includes a tale about a plot by Cuban exiles to assassinate Fidel Castro — plans that were converted to assassinating Kennedy in the hope his successor would look more favorably on a subsequent invasion of Cuba.

The story, and others circulating here, are unsubstantiated.

And whatever the outcome of the current pronouncements from New Orleans emanating like the brassy blare of Bourbon Street, only Jim Garrison at this point seems in control of what will happen next.